

Commercial and Industrial Buildings,
Wieneke-Hoerr Company Factory
850 Jackson Street
Dubuque
Dubuque County
Iowa

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Site Location: 850 Jackson Street
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DOT designation: Resource Site No. 8.12
Cadastral grid : SE1/4 SE1/4 S24 T89N R2E
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque North Iowa 7.5'
UTM coordinates: 15.692010.4708000
Lot dimensions : 76.8'x 100': .18 acre
Lot description: South 1/2 of City Lot
400 and City Lot 401.
Present Owner: H. Fincel
Present Usage: automobile service shop
Present Condition : fair / good

Overall Dimensions: 98'x 75'; 2 story

Orientation : west

Architectural Plan type : rectangular, two-story; one story addition.

Description : Foundation: coursed limestone perimeter walls in original
block; reinforced concrete on side addition.
Ext. walls: painted common brick laid in common bond on
main block; concrete block and corrugated steel
siding on side addition.
Roof : flat composition roof with brick parapet walls.
Chimneys : none
Windows : painted wood 6/6 (2nd floor) or 1/1 (1st floor)
double-hung sashes with brick segmental arch
heads and stone lug sills (several of these
have been infilled with concrete block).
Openings : double-leaf primary entrance centered on front
of main block; the doors are wood, with 1 light
and 2 vertical panels and 2 lights at the top;
on the street face are three other doors: one
is to the right on the main block, one is a
single door with 1 light and panels on the
addition, and the last is a steel sectional
garage door.
Porches : (replacement) concrete loading dock extends
from main entrance to addition; five steps
are cut into the side of the dock for access
to this entrance; the single door on the
addition has four steps with wrought iron
railing in front of it.
Details : modestly corbeled brick courses on front
parapet.

Construction Date : 1890

Architecture Style: 19th Century Functional

Physical History : In 1885 Louis F. Wieneke and Peter Hohenadel formed a company to manufacture and market pickles and condiments in a building on North and Pine Streets. In 1890 the two men incorporated the firm as the Wieneke-Hoerr Company with Peter Hoerr and Frank H. Brede. That year they moved the store to White Street and built this modest factory and warehouse on Jackson between Eighth and Ninth streets, next to the Key City Iron Works [HABS No. 1A-160-AK]. A Dubuque business gazetteer said about the new factory: "This plant occupies a large, commodious, two-story and basement brick building, suitably arranged for the capacity required in the manufacture of their products, packing vegetables, canned goods, etc." Heated by steam and lit by kerosene lamps, the factory was organized with the business office and shipping and storage rooms on the first floor and cooking and packing on the floor above. The company continued to operate on a steadily increasing basis during the early years of the 20th century, employing some one hundred people in 1911. Although heavily damaged by a block-wide fire that July, the building was repaired, and Wieneke-Hoerr continued to produce vinegar, sauerkraut, pickles and condiments. About 1920 the firm was reformed as Brede Company Wholesale Grocers. Brede remained here until sometime before 1937, when the Jaeger-Kunnert Company moved in. This firm was succeeded in the early 1960s by F&S Radiator Repair, which presently occupies the building. A simple and utilitarian building to begin with, the Wieneke-Hoerr Company Factory has undergone a number of subsequent alterations, including: construction of a large, frame addition on the south side; painting of the exterior walls; infill of two of the three second floor front windows and one of the first floor windows with concrete block; and replacement of the original small wood front stoop with a concrete loading dock and stair.

Significance: "This business is one of the several unique industries with which Dubuque abounds," a 1911 gazette stated. "[It] is a rapidly growing concern. In the point of employment given to Dubuque's people and in tonnage of material handled yearly, it may be justly said that this concern is a proven factor in the city's prosperity." The Wieneke-Hoerr Company Factory is both historically and architecturally significant in its typification of late 19th century Dubuque industry.

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